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Totalt gör detta 857:75, vilket i hög grad räddat vår ekonom. En hel del inköp har gjorts, se "Nyttörvär"!.

Editorial

AFU PLANS FOR THE FUTURE...

Dear friends,

Since Issue 14 of this newsletter we have tried to include a growing quantity of English-language articles and news. This new direction has proven very successful so, from this Issue on, material in English will be even more prominent and will start on page one. Besides establishing a growing number of international contacts we now have exchange agreements with more than 100 newsletters, which provides us with a valuable input of ideas, news & reports. We read a lot of what we receive, some of it will appear as one or two lines in the AFU Newsletter, some of it will be "dumped" onto index cards, or into our "biological brain memories" for a possible (who knows?) future retrieval. We would do a lot more if we owned all of our time!

International interest in Swedish and Scandinavian UFO research has risen during recent years and in this area AFU would like to establish itself as an open-minded, but still "sceptical", source of information and mutual contact. As "backup" we have vast resources of information and contacts, plus an unlimited number of ideas of our own!! The AFU library, for instance, has the main part of the Scandinavian and English/American literature (some 900 titles), six book-shelf sections of UFO magazines and a collection of maybe 15,000 clippings from the press. "Sitting" on such a collection - which is partly available to Swedish citizens by mail order - obviously gives you one or two ideas!

Besides that, AFU aims to maintain good relations with a number of Swedish/Scandinavian UFO/borderland research groups. There has been some interest, lately, in joining forces on a mutual newsletter, but AFU Newsletter will be retained as primarily a source of AFU's own activities and research, but we will gladly make room for other's data and ideas when this does not supercede our own material.

For the coming issues we have secured a large quantity of unique things. Contributing editor Håkan Blomqvist will bring you a number of interviews and will also continue to give you insights into Swedish contactee lore. Håkan specializes, as you will have noted, in the more elusive parts of ufology: the occult, religious and folklore connections, contactee & MIB lore, etc.

Sweden has, since the early 1930's, been plagued by mysterious airplanes of unidentified origin - we call them "spökflygare" - "ghost fliers". Journalist/researcher Jan Ove Sundberg has permitted us to translate, for a future issue, his material on the "modern" ghost fliers of the 1970's and this will be supplemented by our own, unpublished, data. The 1930's wave was, we believe, the first well-investigated UFO wave in history. At least one thousand pages of field investigations and analyses has been located in Sweden, and AFU has hopes of finding more.

My own main project, at present, is a documentary article on a 1974 Swedish abduction that occurred in the midst of an intense UFO wave, only 30 kilometers from Sweden's capital. The abduction resulted in some never-before heard of effects on the witness. Seven years have lapsed without a proper documentation so we think the time has come and we will prepare the article in English.

In future issues you will also read the original story of a rather "nasty" attempt, by an unscrupulous writer, to spread a plausible, but false, article on Swedish UFO research and reports through a wellknown American publication. My advice to you is: keep in touch!

One last thing: Please check your mailing list and take note of AFU's new address. Anything previously mailed to Box 5046, S-151 05 Södertälje, Sweden should now be addressed: AFU, P.O.Box 11027, S-600 11 Norrköping II, Sweden.

Anders Liljegren

THE INNER EARTH THEORY
- A SOURCE STUDY
Håkan Blomqvist

We are not alone, is a favourite expression of ufologists, implying that other planets in the universe are inhabited. With the ideological trends in today's UFO-research in mind we should perhaps say: we are not alone - on earth. Grave doubts concerning the ETI hypothesis have led several leading ufologists to speculate on a more earth-based origin for our elusive saucers.

This is probably one of the reasons for the resurgence of interest in the inner earth theory. No less than three new UFO-magazines are devoted to the study of inner earth, Shaver and related subjects. With this article I wish to present a few sources of inner earth lore some of which, to the best of my knowledge, have never been referred to before in UFO literature.

I refrain from using the term hollow earth, which is such an obvious physical impossibility. The thought of caves and tunnels in the earth though is a bit more intriguing, here an open mind is as usual the best attitude.

THE OCCULT TRADITION

Very little is said about the inner earth in traditional occult literature, although there are hints here and there. The reason for this scarcity of information is usually ascribed to the extreme secrecy of the subject. It is regarded as the "Secret of the Ages", which is also the apt title of a book by the British ufologist Brinsley Le Poer Trench (1).

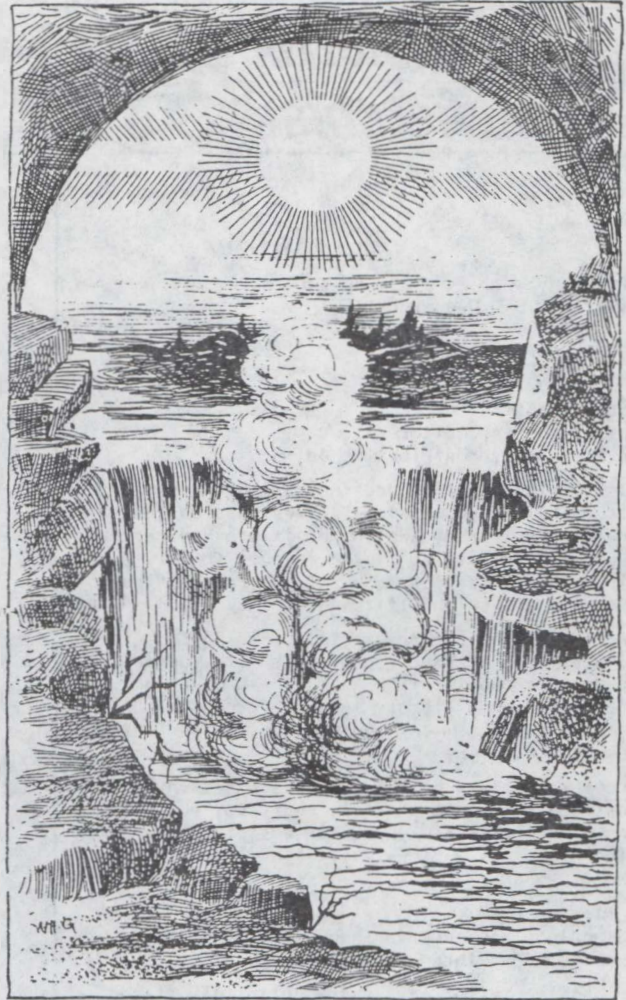
A few short notes are to be found in theosophical works of Charles Leadbeater and Alice Bailey. These books, of course, were written long before the UFO era. In "The Inner Life" by Leadbeater is stated: "The conditions of the interior of our earth are not easy to describe. Vast cavities exist in it, and there are races inhabiting these cavities, but they are not of the same evolution as ourselves. One of these evolutions...is at the level distinctly lower than any race now existing upon the surface of the earth...the other is more nearly at our level, yet utterly different from anything that we know". (2)

That we share our planet with other unknown races is hinted at in Leadbeater's "The Astral Plane": "...there are two other great evolutions which at present share the use of this planet with humanity; but about them it is forbidden to give any particulars at this stage of the proceedings (1895 - 11B) as it is apparently not intended under ordinary circumstances either that they should be conscious of man's existence or man of their's. If we do come into contact with them it will most probably be on the purely physical plane..." (3)

A reference to the same (?) entities is given in "A Treatise on Cosmic Fire" by Alice Bailey: "Among the manipulating devas of the lowest level of the dense physical plane are to be found certain subterranean forms of existence, of which hints are to be found in the ancient and occult books. There is to be found in the very bowels of the earth, an evolution of a peculiar nature, with a close resemblance to the human. They have bodies of a peculiarly gross kind, which might be regarded as distinctly physical as we understand the term. They dwell in settlements or groups, under a form of government suited to their needs, in the central caves several miles below the crust of the earth..." (4)

Very few theosophical writers of the present generation have had anything new to say on this subject. One exception is Dr. Douglas Baker, exponent of the Bailey-tradition of theosophy. In "Practical Techniques of Astral Projection" he describes an out-of-the-body visit to the inner earth:

"I was aware that we were in a vast underground hall that grew in size. I could see that a whole civilisation, unlike anything I had ever witnessed, was down there. The people were fair skinned but their hair was dark... I had visited 'the place where evils dwell', symbolized by a race of Atlantean degenerates whose practice of evil arts, or what we now call black magic, had helped bring about the destruction of Atlantis. This race still exists, sealed in the bowels of the earth. They are but a remnant now long forgotten but who still live by their occult arts,



SCENE IN THE INNER WORLD.

Illustration from Ray Palmer's
"The Hidden World", issue no. A-6,
summer 1962.

leaving their underground retreat only in astral form to prey upon humanity through astral vampyrism and possession". (5)

This is obviously a different group than referred to by Leadbeater and Bailey. But Dr. Baker does not enlarge upon the subject in his book and has nothing to say about unknown evolutions sharing this earth with humanity.

The Richard Shaver material should perhaps also be regarded as part of the occult tradition but as his writings are so generally wellknown among ufologists I limit the Shaver lore to a few comments from the Borderland Sciences Research Foundation (BSRF).

In 1945 Meade Layne, founder of BSRF was given this information through a medium: "Mr. Shaver's story of his personal experiences, though fantastic, is substantially true... Yes, the Deros exist. Yes, they have physical bodies much like your own. Yes, they inhabit underground regions. Yes, the machines exist. The Deros are degenerate descendants of Atlanteans...The situation is this. The Deros are nearly mindless, degenerate; hence they are easy prey to the astral entities". (6)

The Shaver controversy could fill a library but among the believers a large part of the debate has centred on the issue whether the Deros are physical or astral. According to the quotations cited they are physical but controlled by evil entities from the lower astral plane.

INFORMATION FROM UFO CONTACTEES

Several of the wellknown contactees from the fifties and sixties mention, if only in a brief note, the existence of entities from the inner earth. Will and Evelyn Miller received this message in a group seance on June 9, 1958:

"Many planets have intelligent life within them. Yours has a people, if you wish to call them that, who do not live on the surface... Many of those who live there are of the 'fallen angel' class. They operate in blindness of their true condition in most cases and in ignorance of their former state. They are not 'devils' by design. They do what they do because it seems to them the normal thing to do. To you, their's is a nightmare world. Their pleasures are grotesque and horrid. Their 'prankishness' results in ruin and death for those on the surface whom they can use, but they do what they do in ignorance. Only a few of their leaders have any conception of who they are. These would not divulge the secret for it is their source of power". (7)

Perhaps this reference would equal the semi-intelligent "manipulating devas" of Bailey. The apparent stupidity of some UFO-entities, especially MIB-types, was first noted by Keel who describes sad cases where contactees have been led down the road to ruin by the "prankishness" of the entities.

The American contactee Eugen Drake claims there are three types of inner earth races: the rainbow people, some degenerate races and an old civilisation below Mexico. Unfortunately I have only the German edition of his book "Visitors from Space": "Es gibt bei euch eine weitere alte Zivilisation, die unter der Erde lebt und deren Eingänge sich in Mexico, garnicht weit von Mexico-City, befinden. Diese Rasse kommt oft zur Oberfläche und mischt sich unter das Volk. Aber, ausser einigen Mystikern weiss das Volk von Mexico davon nichts". (8) I quote this paragraph specifically because I have stumbled on this Mexico-connection as a UFO-base several times. The Swedish MIB-contactee "Helge" claimed his entities had their base just outside Mexico City (9). Also George Adamski visited Mexico now and then and told of a UFO base not far from San Jose Perua, north-west of Mexico City (10).

In contactee literature a frequent theme is the inner-earth mafia connection. We find this theory in the Shaver material and also in the Ashtar communications from Trevor James Constable: "Ashtar: At the core of your planet, there dwells a greatly degenerated race, an astral race, which is degenerate not so much in science, but in every moral respect as you know and understand it... On your surface they have allies who are without morals and without mercy". (11)

A sequel to this theory is that inner earth people are in alliance with, or manipulated by, negative interplanetary visitors. The Mitchell sisters write in "We Met the Space People": "There are those intelligencies of superior powers whom we should call fallen angels living in earth, but it is not wholly from them that the evil or bad flying saucers comes". There are others coming from "farther space systems... they are in alliance with those beings living in earth, who themselves will be forced to leave Earth when peace and brotherhood is completed. The gains that these negative people obtain from their alliance with those other negatives in earth is not known by us, but it must be quite profitable". (12)

As some of the inner earth races belong to a different "mindless" evolution they can easily be manipulated by lower astral entities or anyone who knows the trick. This is often mentioned by Riley Crabb of the Borderland Sciences Research Foundation. His name for the manipulators is the "Lunar mafia" - evil elementals. The American contactee Howard Menger was told of a similar conspiracy where a secret group on earth manipulated "other people of your planet - people you don't know about. People who live unobserved and undiscovered as yet. It is a kind of underground in your popular terminology". (13)

Finally, I would like to mention a fascinating story told by two coal-miners, David Fellin, and Henry Throne, who were trapped in a mine in Sheppton, Pennsylvania in August 1963. Because of an accident they were buried 390 feet deep in the earth. It took several days to get them rescued. When back on the surface again they told how, while down in the mine, suddenly out of nowhere three men had appeared giving them a symbolic message on an orange coloured plaque.

The miners described the unknown men as ruggedly handsome, about six feet three inches tall. With bronze-coloured skins and slightly pointed ears. Also high cheek bones and thin lips. This description we have heard many times before, but in a slightly different context. Co-incidence, perhaps, but MIB-types have an uncanny ability to appear and disappear with total disregard for our physical laws. (14)

MORE THAN A SCIENTIFIC PROBLEM

What are we to think of these fantastic claims and experiences? Seen from a psychological/sociological perspective general acceptance of the inner earth theory could generate acute paranoia and cultural upheaval. If there are aliens among us the only way to deal with the problem is through co-operation of knowledgeable and well-trained investigators. Perhaps some of the more sophisticated intelligence organizations of the world have stumbled on this enigma and in their own way try to sort out the signal from the noise.

Whatever the truth of the inner earth theory the UFO phenomenon is ample evidence that we do have intelligent interference in our society on a global scale. It is very essential to grasp that this makes UFOs more than just a scientific problem. It is also an intelligence problem as the aliens obviously wish their operations to remain unknown. This is the basic message of Jacques Vallée's "Messengers of Deception". We will never solve the UFO enigma if we limit ourselves to strictly scientific procedures. Every ufologist should at least be aware of the basics of intelligence work and the use of ESP to acquire information.

Probing into these areas can of course be somewhat complicated. Suppose you really find out that there is a secret war going on on this planet, a power-struggle between esoteric groups of various motives cooperating with, or manipulating, hitherto unknown intelligences and that the UFO phenomenon is only the tip of the ice-berg of this cosmic Watergate. A phenomenon cleverly used by both the alpha and omega groups. Few ufologists, not to mention the public, could take such a revelation without developing at least a mild form of paranoia. How about stamp-collecting?

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Reports

...AND INSIDE THERE WERE TWO
GREY-BLACK CREATURES...

Summarized by the editor

It was Saturday, Nov.1, 1980 - a cold starlit autumn evening and All Saint's Day in Sweden. Time was 1730 hours. Kristina Rydholm (some 30 years old) and her younger sister Nina Grundin (about 20) were driving in Kristina's Peugeot 504 car on a small road along the lake Lången, near Hovsta, which is a community about 5 kilometres to the north of Örebro. They were headed for the family's

summer cottage. Almost simultaneously Kristina and Nina both discovered something strange moving around in a great circle in the sky; the circle was anti-clockwise and diameter of the circle estimated to be abt. 5 kms.

Suddenly the object stops, descends and starts to hover. The witnesses are now able to see that it is slightly vibrating. A while later it starts off again, returning to the same circular path as described before. Then, once more, it returns to hover. The women stop their car and ask themselves: "What are we seeing?". This time the object comes much closer and the sister are able to watch the phenomenon as it hovers below the tree-tops only some 10-15 metres from them! Since they don't stop the engine they are unable to say whether there is any sound coming from the object.

CREATURES BEHIND WINDOWS?

It is dark and difficult to discern the object's shape, but still they see a wide "window" on what they believe is one of its flanks. This window was curved in such a way that the object behind must have been oval. Further, the girls say: "Inside we could see two grey-black creatures moving about, as if they were walking to and fro". On the front of the strange object two white lights shone "like eyes". All of a sudden these two brilliant lights go out, "as if something had blocked them", and the object returned to its circulation path high in the sky.

Before Kristina and Nina continue they decide to change seats to let Nina have a chance at driving. They have only gone a few metres, however, when suddenly the car stops and the lights go out.

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At the same moment the car started to shake and vibrate. "It was like when you meet a large truck and the car gets a blow by the wind". They both felt locked up and Kristina had an oppressive feeling on her head.

- We sat there looking for the curious object, but there was nothing to be seen, neither on the sides, nor in the front or back of the car. Maybe, we thought, it is immediately above our car? As the vibrations stopped we rediscovered the object through the front-screen and now we were able to start and drive off. We saw the object go back to its circular path and return towards the Kilsbergen mountains. At the back of it were red and possibly yellow lights.

- It was strange and we were terribly frightened, says Kristina. I was shocked and had an uneasy feeling. When I got home I had many thoughts about the incident. I called the Täby airport, but they had closed for the day.

OBSERVATIONAL DATA

The observers thought the object was about half the size of the Good Year "Europa" blimp, which is seen quite regularly in Sweden. The distance to the object, when the two creatures were seen was some 10 or 15 metres and altitude was below tree-top level. The object hovered in that position for about half-a-minute. No sound was heard and no alien smells felt. There were no civilian planes in the area and, besides, Kristina would be the perfect witness to recognize a plane if she saw one - she owns a pilot certificate!

Käthle Wodell from Örebro, and her husband, both spotted a strong yellow-red light from their summer cottage at Rinkaby, at about 1730 hours the same day (Nov. 1st). They heard no sound and the light circled at tree-top level. Watching the strange light for several minutes they were unable to find an explanation.

About a year before her recent experience Kristina Rydholm, her husband and their six-year-old daughter saw a strange object at the same place. That was in the summer of 1979.

- We were taking a walk when we heard a whistling sound and all of us saw a strange greyish-blue, oval object which hovered and vibrated in the air. A while later this object disappeared towards lake Hjälmaren.

Kristina and her husband both claim psychic abilities, but Kristina is very firm that in both of her observations the objects have been solid.

TV SET "DIED"

On Monday, Nov. 3, two days after Kristina's and Nina's sighting another UFO visited the Örebro area. Gunnar Pettersson was watching TV in his home in the Örebro suburb Västhaqa. At 22.00 hours he observed a strong light through his window.

- It was so strong that my attention was drawn from the TV. What I saw surprised me very much. At a distance of no more than 400 metres, and at an altitude of about 100 metres, came a cigar-shaped object "floating". It had a very strong greenish light, and yellow windows in a row. It moved slowly and no sound was heard. At the same time my TV set went all black and stayed so until the cigar had disappeared out of sight. I have never seen anything like this before.

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Follow-up

NEWS ON AARNO HEINONEN

-The continued story from Imjärvi

Translated from the Finnish by
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In AFU Newsletter 19 Anders Liljegren finished his article on the Imjärvi skiers with some questions, many of which will be answered by an article in the Finnish magazine ULTRA, issue nr 7-8/1981, pp. 14-15 (1). I have therefore translated it in its whole:

AARNO HEINONEN

We have been writing about the strange phenomena in Imjärvi since 1972 in this magazine. The many UFO sightings and humanoid visits of the early years are now less frequent, being nowadays some luminous objects only. In the beginning of May (-81) we did make out how Aarno Heinonen is doing now. As much as six years had gone since our last visit to Imjärvi.

Aarno has not seen very much of the humanoid girl. Instead he got married and built a new house at his home farm. But there are still a lot of phenomena connected with Aarno, as you can deduct from the following:

When did you have your latest UFO sighting?

- It was in the first days of March (obviously 3.3.81), when we were waiting for the shopping bus at approximately 18.40. From the northern sky came down a green big ball of light. Following behind there seemed to be some kind of a tail, that waved like in the billows of a lake. The speed of the phenomenon was very low. By and by it came down, behind the ridge of our house-roof. The sky was clear at that time. My wife also saw it and there were others, too, but they were looking in another direction.

How many strange objects have you seen in the sky altogether?

- Once I counted there had been 120 at that moment. After that there has been maybe 60 more, as yet.

In the early days of the past decade you developed into a healer. What is the situation of your healing activity nowadays?

- With the help of concentration I get information about the sicknesses of other people. Sometimes I get the information from a small space-creature, sometimes the information comes as a bare voice. The person to be healed doesn't have to be present.

How does the healing take place?

- I use my own hand, the right one, and the power of thoughts. Eczemas I cure with botanic medicines. I sample five or six plants (for example pine and red whortleberry). There are plenty of strange healings. Someone has got his vision back, I have been able to help paralyzed people; also many mentally ill. I have helped in the case of animal illnesses, too. One veterinary doctor actually asked me to follow with him, when we tested some healing influences on the animals. However, it is difficult to help long-developed cancer cases.

You have also been working in the area of georadiation. How?

- I search for the radiation area with the twig. Then I ground with my hand just the same way I do when I heal people: I put the wire against the floor and my hand on it, and concentrate in my mind on the matter, which causes the grounding - at least the radiation disappears. I have been able to take away many troubles from people by this removing of the radiation. I have also observed, that the removing devices for radiation, which are placed on wall sockets, can increase the radiation in other rooms.

What would you say about the weather this summer (-81)?

- Cold and rainy summer is coming? Not before the 20th of July is there going to be nice weather. August is the best holiday month.

What information have you received about the near future of mankind and Finland?

- The war is not coming to Europe, but is mainly staying in the underdeveloped countries. There is no World War to be expected. Finland's problems are in the first place oil, and unemployment.

What has the year 1970 mattered in your life? (On 7th of January, 1970 Esko Viljo and Aarno Heinonen made their first important sighting in Imjärvi).

- That year changed my life very much. Before, I lived as a common man without knowing anything of these things. Humanoids visited often here up to 1975. I received a lot of information about different things, for example things connected with healing. The UFO sightings themselves have been very few during the end of the decade, but otherwise I have received so called supernatural information constantly.

What has been the most positive thing for you during the 70's?

- That I have been able to help people. I have got a lot of strength from that.

How is Esko Viljo doing nowadays?

- As far as I know, he has not had any UFO sightings. Some other strange things have occurred to him. He still lives alone in his antique house.

When shall there be more UFO sightings in Finland?

- From the beginning of October (1981). The situation will be like in the beginning of the 70's.

Have strange electricity disturbances followed you to your new place of living?

- Yes, they are occurring continuously. They were following me to my townhouse flat (2), and again from there to here. They are occurring on every kind of electric equipment I have to use, from a motor saw to a shaving razor and a switch. Sometimes there are strange voices and disappearances and movings of artifacts. Even I myself might sometimes temporarily disappear from other people, as did happen in November 1979, when I last met the humanoid girl while I was doing clearing work in a completely open place.

Notes:

1. This is, in fact, the 10th-year-of-publication anniversary issue of ULTRA, formerly known as UFOAIKA. Their address is: ULTRA, Kustannus OY Rajatieto, SF-17950 Kylmä, Finland.
2. In the middle of the 70's Aarno Heinonen and his spouse moved to Imjärvi's 'kirkonkylä', a country-side population center built around the church. Translator.

Magazines

New England UFO Newsletter, no 23, Oct. 1981. Published by the New England UFO Study Group. Presents investigation reports by local group and some articles. "They're pickin' my brain" by Joe Nyman and Ed Fogg, a close encounter case from 1954 with interesting time distortion. Part two of "The Fairy Connection" by Mrs. Joy Barish, comparing reports of ufonauts with devas and elementals described in the occult tradition. New England UFO Newsletter, c/o J. Nyman, 19 Longmeadow Road, Medfield, Massachusetts 02052, USA. 4 Issues/year, \$5.00 (US), foreign \$7.00.

Zetetic Scholar, no. 8. ZS is now the official organ of the Center for Scientific Anomalies Research (CSAR). This center has as its main objective to "advance the interdisciplinary scientific study of alleged and verified anomalies". ZS no. 8 presents two reports of ongoing research of the Center: "The Mystery Men from Holland, 1: Peter Hurkos' Dutch Cases" by Piet Hein Hoebens. A critical study of the alleged psychic feats of Peter Hurkos. The second project report is "UFO Sightings Among Engineers and Scientists" by Ron Westrum. An examination based on a reader response poll by Industrial Research & Development. Of interest is also an open letter to Carl Sagan on the Sirius mystery by Robert K.G. Temple. Temple has several times been refused to answer his critics. Omni e.g. didn't want to "offend Carl Sagan". Oh my, that's the true scientific spirit!! The editor, Zetetic Scholar, Department of Sociology, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI 48197, USA. Two Issues/year, \$12.00, foreign \$18.00.

Frontiers of Science (Including International UFO Reporter), vol. 3, no. 5, July-Aug. 1981. "Is ufology a Twentieth Century Witchhunt" by Robert Schaeffer. He compares present day ufologists with the investigators of witchcraft and demons of bygone days. Both groups are hunting chimeras and will prove to be of little historical significance. "Taking the Cosmic Pulse", an interview with controversial author Trevor James Constable, an advocate of anthroposophy. He regards the aliens as "not connected with the liberation and emancipation of mankind. They're on the destructive side of things". Frontiers of Science, 8 E. Street, Washington, D.C. 20003, USA. 6 Issues/year, \$15.00.

Skeptica, no. 2, 1981. This new Danish magazine is edited by Willy Wegner, former director of Dansk UFO Center with its publication Uforalla, now folded. Wegner earlier run a UFO library and archive similar to AFU but dropped the whole thing because of "lack of support from Danish UFO-groups". (That's odd, AFU gets very good support from Swedish groups). Perhaps Wegner has turned sour on Danish ufologists as the new magazine adopts an extremely critical attitude to all things forana. It is subtitled: a critical forum for off-beat literature and pseudoscience. The object is stated to bring sound scepticism to Danish off-beat fans, but so far I think the magazine has missed its point. Martin Gardner, among all, is presented as a leading star in this business. Passive armchair scepticism in itself is a blind alley. The only way to deal with unknown phenomena is through investigation and documentation. Back to the field study, Willy! Skeptica, Postboks 8026, DK-9220 Aalborg Øst, Denmark. 3 Issues/year. No price stated. In Danish only.

UFO-Information, no. 6, 1981. Carl-Axel Jonzon has completed the 13th year of publication of his brain-child. UFO-Information was, until 1980, the official publication of the UFO-Sweden organization. Then Jonzon withdrew his support for the national group he had created and UFO-Information is now Jonzon's own mouthpiece. Jonzon's leading articles are often semi-religious and anti-intellectual, but in this issue Jonzon makes it clear that "foreign reports are often difficult to judge upon" - we heartily agree! A fine on-site investigation of the recent Swedish case where a horse was burnt by a strange "flying ribbon" crowns this issue, which otherwise has few original articles. Fate, Second Look, Omni and National Enquirer are frequently used as sources. This makes for thrills down the spine, but does not further ufology as a subject for research here in Sweden. UFO-Information, Box 16, S-596 00 Skänninge, Sweden. Magazine publishers could try an exchange agreement.

UFO-Sverige-Aktuellt, no. 4, 1981. UFO-Sweden's new magazine has only completed its second year but is now on the fore-front of Swedish superficial/public-related ufology and has a circulation of more than 2,000 copies. Ever since the start UFO-Sweden's aim has been to promote UFOs just like companies promote corn-flakes, beer or video sets, and UFO-Sweden has no decided research policy. Through the years this has resulted in quite a number of swallow-dives in the eyes of the general public. The 1980 revolution, see UFO-Information above, has relieved UFO-Sweden, and its new magazine, of some of the worst blunders and loose thinking. Much work goes into layout and illustrations while some texts still deserves a more source-critical treatment. This issue has several high-lights: Gösta Linderholm, famous Swedish poet and singer, filmed a UFO while motorling through West Germany. A Swedish inventor continues the work of Victor Schauberg, a most interesting interview with

him. The magazine's globetrotter Carl-Anton Mattsson reports from his voyage to India. UFO-Sverige-Aktuellt, Box 175, S-733 00 Sala, Sweden. 4 Issues/year, 50 Sw, kr. Exchange agreements.

Exchanges

Amendments to our exchange mailing list:

- o Arcanum, new address Is Box 10008, S-700 43 Malmö 10, Sweden.
- o Awareness and UFO Register are still published by Derek Mansell, Contact (UK), 48 Crown Road, Wheatley, Oxford OX9 1UL, England, but we haven't received them...
- o BUFORA Journal has closed down due to economical problems and editorial vacancy. It has been replaced by BUFORA Bulletin available from: Arnold West, 16 Southway, Burgess Hill, Sussex RH15 9ST, England.
- o Bulletin du GESAG, Leopold I laan 141, B-8000 Brugge, Belgium (first received 810810).
- o Common Ground, Kevin McClure, 14 Northford Road, Knighton, Leicestershire, England.
- o Cosmonig, Boletim particular sobre pesquisas de OVNI's, c/o Antonio P.S. Faleiro, Rua Francisco Teodoro 36, 35537 Passa Tempo MG, Brazil. (Received 811030).
- o The Hollow Hazzle, new address: P.O.Box 779, Cascade, CO 80809, USA.
- o Il Giornale del Misteri, Corrado Tedeschi Editore, Via Massala 98, 50134 Firenze, Italy.
- o Il Senzaitalo, c/o Alberto Lazzaro, P.O.Box 240, Reggio Emilia 42100, Italy. (Received 810923).
- o INFO Journal, International Fortean Organization, 7317 Baltimore Ave., College Park, MD 20740, USA. (811203)
- o Journal of Transient Aerial Phenomena, new address: 40 Jones Drive, Whittlesey, Peterborough PE7 2HW, UK.
- o Journal UFO, has been disbanded due to financial difficulties. One of the best sources has disappeared...
- o Malaysian UFO Bulletin, Ahmad Jamaludin, Makmal Diagnosa, Veterinary Dept., Kuantan, Pahang, Malaysia. (811107).
- o OVNI & Compagnie, GEPO Informations, Groupe d'Etude du Phénomène OVNI, 42470 Saint Symphorien de Lay, France.
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- o Rencontres, Jean-Michel Surlery, 10, Rue des Rollets, 53210 Argentré, France. (A contact-oriented public.)
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- o UFO-Raden, new address: P.O.Box 4049, S-85004 Sundsvall, Sweden.
- o UFOrmant Is the new name of the newsletter put out by Citizens Against UFO Secrecy (CAUS), P.O.Box 4743, Arlington, VA 22204, USA, formerly Just Cause.
- o vauclose ufologie, Bulletin d'information du GREFO, 3-P Trocard, 45 Rue du Bon Pasteur, 69001 Lyon, France.

and UFO researcher associated with the Edinburgh branch of the British UFO Research Association (BUFOPA). Mr. Campbell's doubts, based on a detailed on-site investigation, were first voiced in 1977 by a German publication (3). In fact, after reading the Campbell investigation you will find it very difficult to believe any aspect of the Loch Ness "UFO case".

Sundberg's first reaction to my mentioning of the FSR article was a hesitatingly: "What can I say to make people believe me...? I have seen what I have seen." Asked if he wanted to make a more detailed statement on the controversy, Sundberg said he would rather wait and consider the issue. It is evident, however, that he does not want to make a disclaimer at this time.

Those incidents that followed on the Loch Ness encounter so much shocked him, he says, that he has now decided to postpone his more active interest in the UFO field. One of Jan-Ove's subsequent claims of seeing a MIB type in his garden, who left strange footprints in the snow, was printed by the infamous Ray Palmer in his Flying Saucers magazine (4). Telephone harassments and being followed by strange black cars were other elements of Sundberg's contemporary phenomena world. Several of these incidents were reported to this author immediately afterwards. At least one sighting preceded the Loch Ness story. On July 10, 1970, Jan-Ove and other witnesses from Flinspång - the community where he lived at that time - saw an helicopter-shaped, black "thing" transverse the sky very quickly and without a sound. The Swedish Air Force had no activity in the area. It was found (5).

Jan-Ove has been an active "ufologist" and journalist throughout the 1970's and has written hundreds of articles on UFOs, fortean subjects and criminal history for Swedish weekly magazines. He has succeeded to make a living - although meagre - of his profession. To his favour one must say that he has been one of very few Swedes who have been out in the field to find out things for himself. Several times each year he travels to London just to be able to buy the most recent literature on all things Fortean. There is no general tendency towards sensationalism in his articles, although you can easily spot one or two mishaps.

FALSE REPORT FROM LOCH NESS

Stuart Campbell

YN an article dealing with various phenomena at Lönneå. The late F. W. (Ted) Holday related the report by a Swede Jan-Ove Sundberg (Fig. 1), that he had seen a landed UFO and occupants (CE3) at Fovers in 1971. The article was accompanied by a sketch map and sketches by Eileen Bucala. The latter were based on Sundberg's original drawings. The article claimed that Sundberg had actually photographed the UFO (with one occupant stepping back into the craft), although no picture did not accompany the article. Apparently it had been sent to Dr. Homer of APRO.

The incident was unknown in Scotland. Hence it was necessary to ask Ted Holiday for further information, and I was indebted to Mr. Holiday for his cooperation.

It seems that Sundberg, 23 at the time, had first reported the alleged incident to John Keel in the USA. Keel, who in turn had told Holiday, had no doubts, but thought that Sundberg was "alleged and professional" and stated that he had provided reliable information in the past. Holiday provided me with Sundberg's address in

Sundberg confirmed that he was the witness. But because he believed that he was being persecuted on account of his experience, he would tell me no more of the incident. He claimed that, after his return to Sweden, mysterious men visited him, telephone calls roused him at night and that he had seen a black man leaving strange cars plagued the



Figure 1: Jan-Ove Sundberg in 1971.

Follow-up

THE FALSE REPORT FROM LOCH NESS, OR...
THE DANGER OF GETTING TOO MUCH INVOLVED

Anders Liljegrén

On Sept. 27, 1981, I had a brief phone conversation with Jan-Ove Sundberg, well-known Swedish ufologist and freelance writer. Mr. Sundberg is the man recently portrayed as a hoaxer in an article titled "False Report from Loch Ness (1)". To make a long (tall..?) story short (for the convenience of readers who are not acquainted with the story) Mr. Sundberg claimed, in August 1971 (2), that he had witnessed a UFO landing near Loch Ness, the legendary "monster lake". Sundberg's claim of having witnessed and photographed the landing is challenged in the recent FSR article by Stuart Campbell, an architect

For instance, Jan-Ove is a firm believer in USOs, unidentified submarine objects, and has had a book on that subject in preparation. Last autumn (1980) he was very much "heated" when the Swedish Navy was strained to its limits by a USO-hunt in the Baltic off Stockholm (6). Now, in all probability, this was one or two Polish submarines, since there are witnesses who saw a Polish supply tug in the neighbouring waters. The recent Soviet submarine accident in south Sweden also bears signs of the growing east-state interest in Swedish affairs.

Another theme thoroughly covered by Sundberg is the "ghost filer" sightings which still pour in from the western parts of Sweden. What Sundberg has found out about these phenomena is so intriguing that we have asked, and received, his permission to translate this important source material for a forth-coming issue of AFU Newsletter!

In our conversation, Sundberg further stated that he has now reduced his interest in UFOs to a more "sound" level:

"I've never felt so good in my life as now", he says, "I have found out that it is very important to keep a certain distance to the subject and not to get too much involved". Well said! Sundberg is, of course, not the first active ufologist to have discovered this axiom. For instance one could refer to Jerome Clark's description of his experiences on the edge of reality (7).

A further note for the record: Sundberg has, for several years, been working in close liaison with Carl-Axel Jonzon, founder of Riksförbundet UFO-Sverige (UFO-Sweden), a co-operation which has now terminated. In 1935 Mr. Jonzon, as a child, had a UFO experience where he "got lost" after seeing a UFO and its occupants (8). The Jonzon and Sundberg stories have similar elements. Influence?

If, and when, Jan-Ove Sundberg feels the inclination to step forward and tell the truth - whatever it may be - he will be welcome!!

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Recensioner

VÄLSKRIVEN BOK OM NIKOLA TESLA'S LIV

Per Schmeling

Det lika okända som slösaktiga geniet Nikola Tesla skildras livfullt i den här boken. NT var född med ovanliga gåvor och särskilt en egenskap var till ovärderlig hjälp. Redan som barn kunde han tänka så intensivt på ett föremål, att det framstod för honom som en tredimensionell kropp - som till slut blev så tydlig att han knappt kunde avgränsa om den var verklig eller ej.

När han, som ung ingenjör, utnämnde utforskandet av de elektriska fenomenen till sin livsuppgift kunde han uppfylla växelströmsmotorn (1882) genom att bli förblygga upp den mentalt, se den sätts i rotation, föreställa sig de elektriska strömmarnas samspel med magnetfälten, göra ändringar i konstruktionen och åter sätta den i rotation.

Sedan uppfann han växelströmsgeneratoren och metoden att med högspänd växelström överföra elektricitet till avlägsna platser. Hela vår nuvarande elektriska infrastruktur är ett resultat av NT's insatser. Efter många år - folk lyssnar inte på uppfinnare med udda idéer - sålde han hela det patenterade idépaketet till George Westinghouse för 1 mill. dollar (1888). En ofantlig summa på den tiden, som NT omedelbart satte fart på med sina experiment med allt högre växelströmsfrekvenser. Det är fascinerande att följa hans väg mot allt högre rymder av forskning. Hur mycket kunskap höll han för sig själv? Ingen vet, men säkert är att en hel del vågade han aldrig nämna för någon.

Boken är välskriven och utgör en fin hyllning till Tesla.

John O'Neill: The life of Nikola Tesla - prodigal genius. 1980, pocket, 349 sid.

Nikola Tesla (1856-1943) anses i "ockulta tefatskretsar" ha haft en lång rad idéer och uppfinningar som inte kom till praktisk användning dels p.g.a. Tesla's eget hemlighetsmakeri (tänk om tankarna bakom atombomben varit lika förutseende!), dels p.g.a. att de inte låg i de då- och nutida militär-industriella komplexens intressen. Tesla sågs bl.a. ha upfunnit en "anti-krigsmaskin" som skulle ha skyddat alla länder för angrepp utifrån...

I det lilla häftet "Nikola Tesla - Man or Spaceman?" (1) påstås helt framt att Tesla föddes på Venus (!!) och att ett rymdskepp år 1856, likt en modern Jesus-saga, landade den nyfödda i trakter som nu är Jugoslavien. Här kom Tesla att uppfostas av Jordiska fosterföräldrar och den begåvade ynglingen blev en av världens främsta uppfinnare.

Under den senare delen av Tesla's liv gjordes dessa uppfinningar, fortfarande enligt de ockulta källorna, under inflytande av "utomjordiska kontakter". Man tror nämligen att Tesla lyckades bygga en apparat för kontakt med sin anfader och denna "Tesla scope" sågs sedan ha utvecklats av kanadensaren Arthur H. Matthews som sagt sig ha regelbunden kontakt med venusianer (2).

Bland nutida intresserade av Tesla's ockult inspirerade teknologi märks f.d. astronauten Gordon Cooper som i Californien startat "The Center for Advanced Technology" (3). Runt det moderna studiet av Tesla har utvecklats en liten rörelse med bokutgivning, bibliografisk forskning (4) och en special-bokhandel (5).

AFU får regelbundet information från kretsar i USA som studerar Tesla (6). Man tror där att Tesla's forskningar nu exploateras av de alltigenom ondskefulla ryssarna för att bygga "psykotroniska vapen". Nu senast läser vi om lösningen till U-137:s strandning på ett skär i den blekingska skärgården. Ryssarna utförde nämligen i slutet av oktober-81 tester av sitt nya supervapen, "howltzern", våra östliga grannars vidareutveckling av Tesla's idéer. För att göra dessa tester måste ryssarna ha kontrollpunkter på bestämda platser utanför de svenska och norska kusterna - därav ryssarnas intrång på svenskt vatten.

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Det nya vapnet sägs även förklara den mystiska förekomsten av enbart Uranium-238 vid mätningar utanför ubåten.

Anders Liljegren

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PETROZAVODSK-FENOMENEN BEKRÄFTADE

Flera av AFU:s kontakter har uttryckt nyfikenhet och intresse för de mystiska fenomenen över Petrozavodsk i Sovjetunionen den 20 sept. 1977 (1). En amerikansk astronom, Dale P. Cruikshank, har besökt Sovjet och där sammanträffat med en rad ryska astronomer och forskare (2). Hans undersökningar bekräftar helt National Enquirer's version som även återgavs i svensk översättning i Saxons. Det har således bekräffats att ryska forskare tog hand om glasrutor med små hål i och man fann även kaffekopps-stora hål i trottoarer sedan fenomenet passerat. Till yttermera visso säger Cruikshank's ryska kollegor och vänner att dessa fenomen uppträtt ett 30-tal gånger över Petrozavodsk sedan staden "begåvades" med en bas för uppsändande av sovjetiska splatsatelliter. Även trakten vid Balkonur-

basen (där de bemannade rymdfärdena startar) sägs ha räknat ut för samma typ av fenomen, som ingen rysk forskare kunnat förklara.

Den amerikanske UFO-skeptikern James Oberg har offentliggjort att observationen identifierats som uppskickad av den ryska satellit-spionen Cosmos 955. Även detta är korrekt, faktiskt! Ryssarna skickade verkligen upp en satellit vid den tidpunkten, men hur skulle den ha kunnat orsaka hål i glasrutor och trottoarstenar?

Petrozavodsk-fenomenet observerades även i Sverige och Finland (3). Andra uppskjutningar från Petrozavodsk-basen har observerats vid flera tillfällen här i Sverige (4).

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SOCIOLOGISK STUDIE AV UFOLOGER

Två sociologer, David Stupp och Abdollah Dashti, har gjort en studie av kunder hos Saucerian Press, ett litet amerikanskt förlag under ledning av entusiasterna Gray Barker. Förlaget har, sedan starten 1959, publicerat mängder av böcker och småskrifter med anknytning till kontaktfall, män-i-svart och andra ämnen som bland traditionellt "seriösa" ufologer betraktas med berättigad misstänksamhet.

Saucerian Press sköts av Barker på deltid och man säljer sina böcker på postorder. 4.400 kunder fick ett frågeformulär från Barker där det dock inte framgick att man som svarande deltog i en sociologisk studie. Istället presenterades frågeformuläret av Barker som en "marknadsundersökning". Totalt fick man 339 svar. Kunderna uppmanades rekommendera en UFO-författare. De som rekommenderade t.ex. Adamski och Menger fördes till gruppen "mystiker" (68 svar) och de som föredrog Hynek och Vallée fördes till gruppen "vetenskapare" (30 svar).

Studien visade att de som var intresserade av kontakt-historier hade mycket litet intresse för okultism i de fall okultismen ej hade ett klart samband med teorier om UFOs. "Ren" okultism intresserade gruppen mycket litet, speciellt gäller detta ämnen som satanism, häxtro, yoga och astrologi. Anhängarna av Barker's kontaktlitteratur utgör, som sociologerna fram till, en egen liten grupp med ett eget trossystem.

Gruppen "vetenskapare" visade också ett starkt intresse för kontaktupplevelserna (kanske från en annan utgångspunkt, dock). Speciellt stort var intresset för "män-i-svart" (MIB). Sådana rapporter har ökat i USA de senaste åren och sägs nu intressera även "seriösa" forskare.

Hela 92 % av de 399 svarande trodde att olika myndigheter konspirerar i ett hemlighållande av verkligheten bakom UFOs. Den utomjordiska teorin var (förstås) populärast (70 % ansåg den trolig), men också "fjärde dimensionen" (60 %) och "Inre jorden"-teorin (29 %) angavs av många.

Få av de svarande hade haft någon egen upplevelse som kunde tjäna som ett verklighetstest för de data och teorier man intresserar sig för. 34 % sade sig ha haft en UFO-observation, 28 % hade känt "förändringar", 16 % trodde sig ha sett "spöken", 12 % hade haft "utanför-kroppen-upplevelser" och lika många trodde sig ha haft "UFO-kontakt".

Undersökningen pekar på att UFO-intresserade är "normalt integrerade" människor i samhället, d.v.s. de är inte speciellt udda. Äldre, manliga personer i medel-klassen är något överrepresenterade, men inte mycket. Den kontakt/UFO-intresserade har arbete och familjerelationer på samma sätt som medel-amerikanen.

Källa: Journal of UFO Studies, vol. 11, 1980, s. 21-32.

UFO-FENOMEN OCH VARIATIONER HOS GEOFYSISKA DATA

Data om variationer hos cirka 65 olika geofysiska fenomen lagras kontinuerligt hos World Data Center i Boulder, Colorado. Geofysikern J.S. Accetta - och en speciellt utvald kommitté från Center for UFO Studies, som bekostade studien - valde med hjälp av databanken UFOCAT ut 73 mycket väldokumenterade amerikanska UFO-fall, där man exakt visste tid och plats för det rapporterade fenomenet. Fallen man valde innebar 'säkra' observationer, t.ex. via radar eller andra instrument, foton, fysiska spår, EM-effekter samt flera vittnen och långvarig observations-tid. Ätta av fallen hade en varaktighet större än en timma. Dessa 73 på-platsen-undersökta händelser jämfördes med geografiskt och tidsmässigt näraliggande mätningar av olika geofysiska data.

Tanken var att få 'tips' om geofysiska parametrar där fram-tida, mer detaljerade undersökningar kan tänkas producera vetenskapligt acceptabla data-samband. Totalt kontrollerades 17 olika 'parametrar' eller mätvärden, men det var inte alltid som alla 17 fanns tillgängliga. Här exempel på 'feberkurvor' som studerades:

- o Solfläcksaktivitet
- o Jonosfärsfenomen, t.ex. störningar på kortvågen
- o Geomagnetisk aktivitet
- o Kosmisk strålning
- o Större magnetstormar

För flertalet av dessa hittades inga påtagliga statistiska samband, men fem typer av data pekade på tänkbara orsak-verkan-mönster:

1. Svårbedömt ansågs det ev. sambandet med det geomagnetiska aktivitets-indexet vara. Detta är ett av måtten på störningar i jordmagnetismen. I 12 fall av 55 studerade hittades här ett samband.
2. Ett möjligt samband fanns även betr. större magnetstormar, även det variationer i det geomagnetiska fältet (5 av 16 fall där mätdata fanns).
3. Otillräckliga data förhindrade en bedömning betr. solprotoner, laddade partiklar som uppmäts, via satellit, vid solstormar.
4. 'Möjligt' ansågs även ett samband med 'f-plots' vara. Detta är ett sätt att mäta onormala jonisationslager i atmosfären. 26 fall av 42 där mätdata var tillgängliga.
5. Slutligen ansågs faktorn 'normala magnetogram' ha ett möjligt samband (8 fall av 26). Även detta är ett mått på geomagnetiska fältstörningar.

För flera av dessa parametrar bedöms sambandet som 'ovanligt stort', och fortsatta undersökningar anses motiverade. Ett statistiskt samband med geomagnetiska störningar har tidigare konstaterats av fransmannen Claude Poher (FSR, vol. 20, nr. 1).

Källa: J.S. Accetta: A search for possible causal associations between UFOs & perturbations in recorded geophysical data. Journal for UFO Studies, vol. 2, 1980.



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